

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 08/07/2006 and the Interview on 08/31/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 4-5, and 16-20, renumbered 1-8.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Roland E. Long, Jr. (#41,949) on August 31, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claims 8-10 and 21 have been canceled.

1. (Currently amended) A child car seat comprising:
a base provided with a lower base portion to be mounted
on a seat vehicle, and with an upper base portion mounted, via a connection, to
be the lower base portion so as to freely turn that the upper base portion rotates
with respect to the lower base portion, the connection connecting the upper and
lower base portions so that the upper base portion is repositionable with respect
to the lower base portion from a first position where the upper base is facing a
first direction to a second position where the upper base is facing a 180 degrees

opposite second direction 180 degrees opposite the first direction such a manner that repositioning the upper base portion from the first position to the second position reverses an orientation of the upper base portion with respect to the lower base portion and, when the base is mounted in on the seat of the vehicle, a longitudinal direction of the vehicle; and

a seat main body supported by the base,

the upper base portion of the base having an upper surface, and

the seat main body being mounted on the upper surface

of the upper base portion via a reclining mechanism, wherein,

the seat main body has a shell which is connected to the upper

base portion via the reclining mechanism,

the base is provided with a bridge which ~~is arranged so~~

~~to cover~~ covers at least a portion of the shell and ~~to be~~ is astride the

shell in a lateral direction while allowing a reclining motion of the shell respect to the upper base portion and which the bridge has both ends fixed to the upper base portion, and which the bridge includes a belt fixing apparatus for fixing a seat belt of the vehicle to the base is mounted to the bridge.

4. (Currently amended) A child car seat comprising:
a base; and
a seat main body supported by the base,

the base provided with a lower base portion to be mounted on a seat of a vehicle, the lower base portion connected to an upper base portion so as to freely turn that the upper base portion rotates with respect to the lower base portion, the upper base portion repositionable with respect to the lower base portion from a first position where the upper base is facing a first direction to a second position where the upper base is facing an opposite second direction in such a manner repositioning the upper base portion from the first position to the second position reverses an orientation of the upper base portion with respect to the lower base portion and, when the base is mounted in on the seat of the vehicle, a longitudinal direction of the vehicle;

the base having an upper surface to which the seat main body is mounted, and

wherein the upper base portion is provided with a belt mounting portion for fixing the upper base portion to the seat of the vehicle by the seat belt of the vehicle.

16. (Currently amended) A child car seat comprising:

seat supporting portion to be clamped on a seat of a vehicle by a seat belt of the vehicle; and

a belt fixing apparatus to be mounted to the seat supporting portion, allowing the seat belt inserted to an inner portion thereof to move in one direction and inhibiting seat belt from moving to an opposite direction to the one direction,

wherein the belt fixing apparatus is rotatably mounted to the seat supporting portion from a first position where the belt fixing apparatus is facing a first direction to a second position where the belt fixing apparatus is facing an opposite second direction.

19. (Previously presented) The child car seat according to claim 16, wherein the child car seat is provided a base provided as the seat supporting portion, and a seat main body provided as to be detachable with respect to the base, and the belt fixing apparatus is mounted to the portion of the base covered by the seat main body.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Prior art does not teach the seat main body being mounted on the upper surface of the upper base portion via a reclining mechanism, as defined in claim 1. Prior art does not teach the upper base portion repositionable with respect to the lower base portion from a first position where the upper base is facing a first direction to a second position where the upper base is facing an opposite second direction in such a manner repositioning the upper base portion from the first position to the second position reverses an orientation of the upper base portion with respect to the lower base portion and, when the base is mounted in on the seat of the vehicle, a longitudinal direction of the vehicle, and wherein the upper base

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portion is provided with a belt mounting portion for fixing the upper base portion to the seat of the vehicle by the seat belt of the vehicle, as defined in claim 4.

Prior art does not teach wherein the belt fixing apparatus is rotatably mounted to the seat supporting portion from a first position where the belt fixing apparatus is facing a first direction to a second position where the belt fixing apparatus is facing an opposite second direction, as defined in claim 16.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

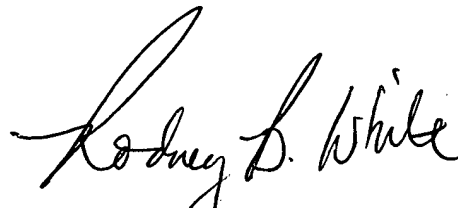
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney B. White whose telephone number is (571) 272-6863. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Cuomo can be reached on (571) 272-6856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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